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HEPATIC STEM/PROGENITOR CELLS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 8, 2007,  
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

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**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.

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